

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC ACCESS TO COURT ELECTRONIC RECORDS (e-CalPACER) INFORMATION SYSTEM

E-CalPACER is a dial-in service that permits the use of any terminal or computer to access information concerning the status, participants, deadlines, scheduled hearings, significant dates, and transactions electronically docketed in Eastern District of California bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings. Using **e-CalPACER**, you can search for a participant name or case number, obtain lists of cases, track case updates, research case involvement by party name, review recent docket entries, and retrieve electronic case summary records from your home or office.

Depending on when the case was filed, some of the information described above may not be available through **e-CalPACER**. You may presently use **e-CalPACER** to access case summary information and the transactions docketed during the past six months in bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings filed in all three divisions of the court on or after August 20, 1990. For a number of reasons, case summary information concerning cases filed prior to that date may not be available through **e-CalPACER** and you may not currently access docket entries for these cases using **e-CalPACER**. If you are unable to obtain the information you desire, please call the appropriate divisional office for assistance.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 1. A dumb terminal, computer, or personal computer;
- 2. A 38,400 baud or less modem;
- 3. Communications software (such as PROCOMM) that will emulate a VT100 terminal; and
- 4. A court issued system login-id and password.

If you wish to obtain a "hard copy" of the information retrieved, you will also need a printer that can handle output at least 80 columns wide.

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¹ Although a dumb terminal will suffice, use of a computer will permit you to save downloaded information on a disk, to edit the saved file if necessary, and to print it for review and future reference.

UPDATES

E-CalPACER runs on a personal computer separate from the court's electronic case management system (BANCAP) computer. At the close of each business day, the **e-CalPACER** data base is updated to reflect all BANCAP data entered that day. As a result, information will typically not appear on the **e-CalPACER** system until the day after its entry in BANCAP. Since new cases and adversary proceedings are generally entered in BANCAP one business day after filing, they typically will appear on **e-CalPACER** two days after filing. Technical difficulties may, on occasion, delay the updating of **e-CalPACER** information. If a major information update problem exists, a message to this effect will appear on the screen when you first access the system.

SYSTEM AVAILABILITY

Except during the time (generally 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.) required to update the data base each working day, **e-CalPACER** is available for use around-the-clock, 365 days per year. To promote system availability and to discourage any one user's exclusive use of the system, **e-CalPACER** limits the length of each dial-in session to 15 minutes. Additionally, the system limits the time a user may continuously sit idle during a dial-in session to two minutes. **E-CalPACER** will warn you when either limit is approaching. There is no limit to the number of times a user may re-dial and re-access **e-CalPACER**.

COST

By order of the Court dated May 30, 2000 and until further notice, the 60 cent per minute fee for usage of electronic access to court data via dial-up service prescribed by Item 23 of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule is waived. Except for any toll or long distance charge incurred in connection with accessing the system, **e-CalPACER** may currently be used free of charge. Please be advised, however, that in the future, fees may be required for access to electronic case information and public dockets via **e-CalPACER**.

FOR SYSTEM ACCESS

You may obtain an **e-CalPACER** login-id and password by completing and returning an *E-CalPACER* and *E-CalWebPACER* Registration Form (EDC 2-710), or by logging on out Internet web site at www.caeb.uscourts.gov and submitting the following information to our Help Desk by e-mail:

- 1. The name, address and telephone number of your law firm or business;
- 2. Your name and e-mail address; and
- 3. The name and e-mail address of the person to contact at your firm or business (if someone other than you).

Once you have received your court issued login-id and password, you may access **e-CalPACER** by dialing (916) 498-5530.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please call the Information Technology Division Help Desk at (916) 930-4460.